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**Mudslide Forces Postponement of DWR Snow Survey**

SACRAMENTO –The Department of Water Resources (DWR) scheduled snow survey scheduled for today (February 28, 2007) at Phillips Station has been postponed because of a mudslide on Highway 50.

Conditions permitting, the survey will take place at 11am on Friday, March 2, 2007.

Electronic sensor readings indicate that snowpack conditions have improved considerably since the February 2 survey when the statewide average water content was just 40 per cent of normal. Readings posted yesterday showed the statewide average at 63 per cent of normal.

Snow water content is important in determining the coming year's water supply. The measurements help hydrologists prepare water supply forecasts as well as provide others, such as hydroelectric power companies and the recreation industry, with much needed data.

Monitoring is coordinated by the DWR as part of the multi-agency California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program. Surveyors from more than 50 agencies and utilities visit hundreds of snow measurement courses in California's mountains each month to gauge the amount of water in the snow pack.

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